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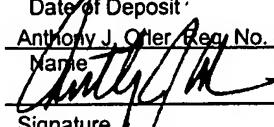
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Dear Sir:

Prior to the first Office Action in the present application, please enter  
and consider the following amendments and remarks:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace paragraph 0008 on page 3 with the following text:

The present invention was made in consideration to the  
aforementioned circumstance, and thus an advantage of the present  
invention is to provide a communication system wherein a connection to the  
terminal within the local system from the Internet or the connection between  
the terminals within different local systems is realized while maintaining the  
safety of the local system, and a replay server preferable to be used within  
such communication system.